

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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James F. BROWN et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1641
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Application No.: 10/798,857)	Examiner: C. L. Chin
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Filed: March 11, 2004)	
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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING THE)	Confirmation No.: 7179
PRESENCE OF A SINGLE TARGET)	
NUCLEIC ACID IN A SAMPLE)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.